

**Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority
Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2013**

Members Present:

Jan Little, Chairperson
James Bakunas, Member
Annie Brooks, Member
Tara Dunning, Secretary
Debbie Weiner, Member
Linda O'Rourke, Member
Janet Shelton, Member

Staff Present:

Gene Seaman, Coordinator
Awisi Quarthey, Director of Policy

Guest Present:

Russ Bogdanovich, DD Homes Network

Members Absent:

Donna Ferguson, Vice Chairperson

Call to Order:

Chairperson Jan Little recognized that a quorum was present and called the regular meeting of the Springfield Regional Human Rights Authority to order at 6:06 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2013. The meeting was held at Lincoln Prairie Behavioral Center, Springfield, Illinois. Welcome and introductions were made. Seaman gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the Human Rights Authority for the guest present.

Confidentiality Statement:

The Coordinator read the confidentiality statement which indicates that personally identifiable information will not be presented in public meetings in order to protect the privacy of those disabled persons on whose behalf the HRA conducts investigations.

Changes to the Agenda:

The Chairperson reviewed the agenda and asked for changes. Modifications to the agenda were made to accommodate Mr. Bogdanovich present today from DD Homes.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Bakunas and seconded by Shelton to enter into closed session at 6:19 p.m. pursuant to Section 721 of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act and Section 42 of the Open Meetings Act to discuss confidential and potentially identifiable information. Motion passed and the committee went into closed session.

Progress Report on 13-050-9015: Russ Bogdanovich from DD Homes Network is here today to discuss the open investigation at Parkview Place. The complaint was regarding guardian notification and an investigation was completed by the Office of Inspector General. Mr. Bogdanovich shared the OIG report. An investigation by HRA will push forward regardless of the OIG report. Pinter will contract Bogdanovich to arrange a site review.

Open Session:

A motion was made by O'Rourke at 6:30 pm to come out of closed session. The motion was seconded by Weiner. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 22, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by O'Rourke to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Weiner. Motion carried.

New Complaints:

13-050-9018 – A cancer patient is dying in hospital. The hospital is withholding nourishment, including water and any form of hydration based on a telephone conversation with an out of town relative who is the patient's Power of Attorney. Nurses are allowing her to have some ice chips but the nurse emphasized that the Dr.'s orders stated, no fluids. The patient does not have authority to consent.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Bakunas to table this complaint until Pinter is able to provide more information and consent to release information is received by the Power of Attorney. Motion carried.

13-050-9020 – A consumer lost privileges after another patient attacked her.

A motion was made by Dunning and seconded by Weiner to table this complaint until Pinter is able to provide more information.

13-050-9021 – A patient was held at a hospital for several months against her will. She questions that legality of not being allowed to leave AMA and of the hospital forcing her to take medication when she was not a danger to herself or others.

A motion was made by Bakunas to open case 13-050-9021 pending a signed release of information. Brooks seconded the motion. Motion carried.

13-050-9022 – The complaint states that CILA services and rules have changed and there may be inequities regarding the amount of individual service costs paid to the agency. There are questions regarding out-of-pocket medical and dental care. The agency is supposedly responsible for those costs however they are not allowing for annual checkup and cleaning. All residents receive food stamps and the amount varies yet they are required to share all food costs.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Weiner to open case 13-050-9022 for investigation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by O'Rourke and seconded by Shelton to table all remaining business in the absence of Pintar. Motion carried.

All progress reports, draft reports and case closures below will be tabled until April 23rd meeting:

Case Progress Reports:

13-070-9006
13-050-9008
13-050-9009
13-050-9011
13-050-9014
13-050-9017

Draft Reports of Findings:

13-050-9012
13-050-9013

Case Closures:

12-050-9001
13-050-9004 & 9006
13-050-9010
13-050-9016

Adjournment: A motion was made by Irshad to adjourn the meeting of the HRA. Shelton seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Dunning, Secretary

Date Approved